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MINISTER GROMYKO, GENEVA- FEBURARY 17, 1975.

1. FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO: NOW WE HAD LUNCH BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES. BEFORE LUNCHEON
WE HAD A DISCUSSION. WE ALSO HAD A DISCUSSION AFTER
LUNCH. YOU KNOW THAT WE ALSO MET FOR DISCUSSIONS
YESTERDAY NIGHT. MANY QUESTIONS WERE TOUCHED UPON
IN THE CONVERSATIONS, AND I BELIEVE THAT ALL OF THESE
QUESTIONS ARE IMPORTANT. THERE WERE QUESTIONS ON WHICH
OUR POSITIONS ARE CLOSE OR COINCIDE. I WON'T DEVULGE A
SECRET, AND I THINK THE SECRETARY OF STATE WILL AGREE,
THAT THERE WERE QUESTIONS ON WHICH OUR POSITIONS DID
NOT EXACTLY COINCIDE. BUT WE AGREED BY EXPRESSING THE
OPINION OF OUR COUNTRIES, AND IN GENERAL THE LEADERSHIP
OF OUR STATES, THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO WORK IN THE DIRECTION
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OF NARROWING THE DIFFERENCES. ON QUESTIONS WHERE THESE

DIFFERENCES EXIST, TO WORK IN THE SPIRIT OF THOSE RELATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES. AND THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION HAVE COVERED A GREAT DISTANCE IN A POSITIVE DIRECTION.

2. I MUST FIRMLY SAY THAT THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP AND THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT FIRMLY PURSUE THE LINE WHICH HAS BEEN FORMED IN RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES IN RECENT TIMES. IN THIS CONNECTION I WOULD LIKE TO UNDERLINE THE GREAT IMPORTANCE OF THE VLADIVOSTOK MEETING BETWEEN THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE USSR, COMRADE BREZHNEV AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, GERALD FORD.

3. OF COURSE, YOU ARE AWARE THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. KISSINGER, ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN THAT MEETING AND I ALSO HAD A LITTLE BIT TO DO THERE (LAUGHTER). I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SATISFACTION THAT OUR TALKS, THIS IS OUR VIEW, OUR DISCUSSIONS HERE YESTERDAY AND TODAY WERE FRUITFUL FOR THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION; AND WE ARE CONVINCED THAT FOR OTHER STATES AS WELL AND FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AS WELL.

4. AND IN FRONT OF YOU, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY MY THANKS TO MR. KISSINGER, THE SECRETARY OF STATE, FOR THE HOSPITALITY SHOWED TO US TODAY. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY MY BEST WISHES TO THE PEOPLE, CITIZENS, OF THIS WONDERFUL CITY OF GENEVA AND TO THE CITIZENS AND TO THE PEOPLE OF SWITZERLAND AND TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CANTON AND THE SWISS GOVERNMENT FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY AND THE CREATION OF GOOD CONDITIONS FOR OUR WORK.

SECRETARY KISSINGER: I DO NOT PROFESS THE ORATORICAL SKILL OF MY SOVIET COLLEAGUE. I THEREFORE WILL CONFINE MYSELF TO CONFIRMING HIS EVALUATION OF OUR MEETING. WE DEEPENED OUR UNDERSTANDING ON THOSE ISSUES WHERE OUR VIEWS COINCIDE; AND ON THOSE ISSUES WHERE OUR UNCLASSIFIED

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VIEWS DID NOT COINCIDE EXACTLY, WE ATTEMPTED TO BRING OUR VIEWS INTO CLOSER HARMONY.

THE UNITED STATES PROCEEDS IN THESE MEETINGS, WHICH WE CONSIDER A REGULAR PART OF OUR EXCHANGES, FROM THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION HAVE A SPECIAL OBLIGATION TO PRESERVE INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND THEREFORE, MUST BE IN CLOSE CONTACT ON ALL MAJOR INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

THAT CAN AFFECT THE PEACE OF THE WORLD.

I ALSO, ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES, CONSIDER THESE TALKS TO HAVE BEEN FRUITFUL, AND I SHALL REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT THAT WE ARE MOVING WITHIN THE SPIRIT OF THE PREVIOUS AGREEMENTS.

THE UNITED STATES ATTACHES VERY GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE VLADIVOSTOK AGREEMENTS, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF WHICH NEGOTIATIONS HAVE STARTED HERE AND WHICH BOTH OUR GOVERNMENTS WILL ENDEAVOR TO BRING TO CONCLUSION DURING THIS YEAR.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE CITY OF GENEVA AND THE CANTON FOR HAVING RECEIVED US HERE AND FOR HAVING THE OCCASION FOR THIS VERY USEFUL MEETING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

QUESTION: MR. GROMYKO, MR. BREZHNEV RECENTLY COMPLAINED THAT CERTAIN PERSONS WERE OFFERING THE ARABS A SOPORIFIC IN THE FORM OF A PARTIAL SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHO THOSE CERTAIN PERSONS ARE AND WHY HE WAS COMPLAINING?

(FORMIN) HE DID NOT MENTION ANY PARTICULAR PERSONS (LAUGHTER).

(SECRETARY) I ASKED THE FOREIGN MINISTER THE SAME QUESTION (LAUGHTER). I OFFERED TO SHARE IN THE CONDEMNATION OF SUCH EFFORTS, (LAUGHTER).

FOREIGN MINISTER: SO THERE IS NO BASIS FOR CRITIZING.

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QUESTION: SECRETARY: DID YOU TALK ABOUT THE RESUMING OF THE NEAR-EAST CONFERENCE HERE IN GENEVA AND ABOUT DATES?

SECRETARY: WELL, WE WILL ISSUE A COMMUNIQUE LATER TODAY IN WHICH THESE AND RELATED QUESTIONS ARE ADDRESSED.

QUESTION: THIS IS TONIGHT FOR THE GERMAN TELEVISION.

ANSWER: SEC. KISSINGER: WELL, YOU CAN READ IT ON GERMAN TELEVISION THIS EVENING. THANK YOU. DALE

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